



## **WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH GRANT PROPOSAL**

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### **Abstract**

This proposal is to assemble a State of the Basin Report Card for the Delaware River Basin. The September 2004 Water Resources Plan for the Delaware River Basin recommends developing a set of indicators to assess baseline conditions and measure progress toward objectives that can be published in a State of the Basin Report. The Delaware Estuary Program is required by its 1996 Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan to regularly update the State of the Estuary Report, last published in 2002. We envision that the water resources institutes for the four land grant universities for the states in the basin – Cornell, University of Delaware, Rutgers, and Penn State - would collaborate to collect available watershed data and work with the DRBC and the DELEP to prepare the State of the Basin Report Card grades. The University of Delaware Water Resources Agency would serve as coordinator for this yearlong project.